NEWS LETTER January 1960

The Fall workshop of the Sacred Dance Guild was held at the Unitarian Church, Peterboro, New Hampshire, a beautiful New England church. Mrs. Avis-Ann Parke, wife of the minister and Vice President of the Guild, was hostess. There was a social half hour over coffee and doughnuts to begin the day, with 20 members and guests present.

Mrs. Jane Renz, President, gave a short resume of what has been going on since the last meeting; a summary of the annual meeting in New York, the June workshop at Jacob's Pillow, and the executive meeting in August, at which time the plans for the Spring Festival were discussed. This will be held in Fall River, and a questionnaire has been sent out to the members, to be sent back to Mr. Storer.

Word has been received from Mr. Ted Shawn granting the Guild the use of all the facilities at Jacob's Pillow, if we will accept all financial responsibility and plan our own workshops and programs. We appreciate the fact that Mr. Shawn is involved in the final arrangements for his own summer program at this time, and that having the Guild there was only one more thing. It seems to us that Jacob's Pillow is the ideal place for us to have this meeting, and the Board will go to work making plans for next summer.

The February annual meeting will again be held in New York, and the Reverend Robert Storer is working on the program. See the flyer attached.

Mrs. Renz expressed regret that our morning program was not as planned, due to Mrs. Borngesser's illness and serious illness in Mrs. Cousin's family. So each member began by telling what he or she had been doing this summer, and of future plans. This proved most interesting and inspiring, as our work was so varied. The rest of the morning was used to show different techniques, each member leading the group in a short period of exercises which he or she had found helpful. These are being mimeographed to be given to the members.

During lunch, we listened to a tape recording of Franck's "150th Psalm" by Mr. Storer's choir, and an interesting piece of music that Dorothy Creed heard Marian Anderson sing recently, which seemed very adaptable to sacred dance work.

Mrs. Ruth Rayton of Hanover distributed copies of her interpretation of "Spirit of God" and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" and "Come Ye Faithful People, Come". We were divided into three groups of five each to work on the last number. At first, all worked simultaneously, then each group of five did the same number alone. We are indebted to Mrs. Rayton for her fine workshop.

In the short time left, Mr. Storer divided the group into three small groups, and each began to create its own interpretation of the Psalm 150 which we had heard at noon. Unfortunately, however, four o'clock came too soon, and only a small section of the number had been done. We hope it may be continued at another workshop.

Beatrice Conn Jenkins

THE SACRED DANCE GUILD

Annual Meeting and Mid-Winter Workshop
At the Assembly Hall of the Community Church,
40 East 35th Street, New York City.
February 8th and 9th, 1960.

TIME SCHEDULE

Monday: 9:30 Registration

10:00 to 5:00 Margaret Fiske Taylor
Work-out. Discussion. Sharing.
Beginners. Advanced.
Many of us know Margaret Fiske (Taylor), one of our earliest pioneers. She has written two books in the field. She gave us a terrific evening at Jacob's Pillow in June. She is a well known church woman, and will give us help in our area of church presentation. She is an experienced and highly dedicated person. We take pride in presenting her.

Nothing on Monday evening unless a group spontaneously wishes to work together. Many people want one evening free to visit or to sight-see.

Tuesday: 10:00 to 12:00 Mary Anthony. Technique. Miss Anthony is a highly skilled teacher and choreographer. She is responsible for many of the Sunday morning T. V. programs: "Look Up and Live". She has a keen interest in religious dance. We do need the help that comes from an expert technician. We are fortunate to secure Miss Anthony's services.

Tuesday: 1:30 to 4:30 Sharing. Annual meeting. Election of officers. Future plans. Mary Jane Wolbers will provide a worship experience.

Cost:	Members	Non-Members
Full day session, Monday	$4.00	$5.00
Tuesday morning session	3.00	4.00
Complete workshop	6.00	8,00

Open to all interested persons. Students will be granted members' rates.

Transportation: The Community Church is located on 35th Street near Park Avenue. Bus line on Park. Parking lots nearby. Subway station at 33rd and Park.

Housing: Murray Hill Hotel at 42 West 35th Street. Try Y. W. C. A. Try Congregational Christian Service Centre, 110 East 29th Street. But write at once.

Committee: Rev. Robert A. Storer, Chairman; Mrs. Erwin W. Renz, Jr., (Jane); Mrs. David Chamberlain (Jane); Mrs. Charles Wolbers (Mary Jane); Mrs. Theodore Rice (Josephine)

REGISTRATION

Please return this part of the program to Rev. Robert A. Storer, 33 Glen Green, Winchester, Massachusetts, with one dollar to hold a place. (This will apply on your fee.)

Your name and address, please _____

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